

STONDON SINGERS TREASURER'S REPORT 2020

So, what can I say about 2020? Well, I think the less said, the better! However, I would like to say a huge thank you to Christopher for continuing with rehearsals however and whenever possible. I hope those members who have been able to attend have enjoyed and benefited from them. I would also like to thank those members who have paid up but not been able to join in either the actual rehearsals or the Zoom ones for whatever reason. Some members have continued to pay the full membership, although we reduced the amount. For this we are very grateful. Regarding the Gift Aid for 2020 it will still be less 10% of the agreed contributions but anything paid over that amount will be regarded as an extra donation and therefore eligible for full Gift Aid.

Although all our concerts were cancelled for 2020 there were still a few expenses for the March concert due to the late cancellation. Programmes, posters and ads had been printed and paid and we decided to pay all the musicians and Christopher a small amount as a goodwill gesture for cancellation.

The rehearsal fees for Christopher were reduced to reflect the shorter rehearsal time. Slightly less for the zoom than the outside rehearsals because of the travel time.

Blackmore Church was paid for the usual rehearsals in the first term, plus a small fee for the outside ones, plus a donation as a goodwill gesture, for which they were very grateful.

As you can see from the accounts, we ended the year with a surplus of £1170.79. Add to that the cheques cashed in January for £243.40 that were for the Xmas Concert 2019 and the Actual Surplus becomes £1414.19.

If the March concert had gone ahead we were expecting to show a slight deficit!

It is very difficult to plan ahead but we are hoping that in July 2023 we will be able to do something special for the 400 years anniversary of the death of William Byrd. I am keen to spend some of our funds on some special concerts as soon as it is at all feasible. We all deserve and need it and out of work musicians certainly deserve and need it!

If anyone has any particular ideas or requests please speak out!

I would like to apologise for not attending any zoom rehearsals or meetings. I have been on Chemo again since February and will finish late July. This probably means I won't attend in person when normal rehearsals start again due to low immunity. Not because of covid, more just the common cold which could lead to complications! But come September I hope to be in fine voice and back annoying you all!

My thanks go to the committee for getting things sorted this year. In particular, of course, the Marjical Marjolein!

Thanks of course go to our patrons for their support. I am sorry to report that one of them, Ivy Brown, sadly passed away last year. She was a great supporter of our concerts and will be missed.

So far 2021 has been no better than 2020 but there is hope on the horizon. I look forward to singing with you all again ASAP.

Josephine Gordon
Treasurer
7/4/2021